

# PROGRAM UPDATE

## Office of Worker and Community Transition United States Department of Energy January - March 2003

### WORK FOR RESTRUCTURING ACTIVITIES

#### Work Force Restructuring at Office of River Protection

On March 13, 2003, the Office of Worker and Community Transition granted authorization to CH2M Hill Hanford Group, Inc., to announce Phase I of an Involuntary Separation Program at the Hanford Site which included 73 employees out of a total of 250. The remainder of the separations will be accomplished in Phase II and Phase III during the months of April 2003 and May 2003, respectively.

#### Work Force Restructuring at Fernald

A Voluntary Separation Program (VSP) was implemented at the Fernald Site on February 3, 2003. The VSP window closed on March 27, 2003. The goal for the VSP was 30 positions and targeted salaried classifications.

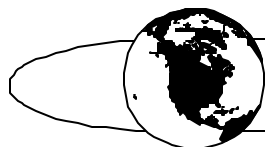
#### Work Force Restructuring at Savannah River Site

Westinghouse Savannah River Company intends to involuntarily separate up to 53 employees at the Savannah River Site in late April 2003. These separations are part of the work force restructuring plan approved in February 2002, which identified the need for up to 800 separations. To date, 487 reductions have been accomplished through an Early Retirement Incentive and a Voluntary Separation Program, as well as the separation of 47 employees on October 8-9, 2002, through an Involuntary Separation Program.

### COMMUNITY TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

#### The Department of Energy (DOE) Awarded Funds to Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments and Eastern Idaho Community Reuse Organization (CRO)

"The Energy Department is a good neighbor to the communities surrounding our Sites," Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham said. "We will continue to work with the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments, Eastern Idaho Community Reuse Organization, and other community reuse organizations around the country, to retain, expand or create jobs for workers affected by restructuring efforts."



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A CRO is an organization recognized by DOE that can apply for funding for programs that can modify the impacts of work force restructuring at its facilities and reduce community dependence on DOE activities.

#### Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments

On February 21, 2003, DOE awarded \$300,000 to the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments.

This grant will enable the CRO to continue to play a critical role in working with DOE on the development of a comprehensive refuge plan for Rocky Flats, review cleanup and closure documents to ensure that they meet long-term community interests and objectives, and other related issues to help define a successful community transition strategy. The Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments is the recognized CRO for DOE's Rocky Flats Site in Colorado.

The Rocky Flats site is scheduled to close in December 2006. However, site closure remains dependent on maintaining a skilled, knowledgeable, and committed work force, and the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments engages in a broad range of work force issues with necessary agencies, groups, firms, and elected officials to ensure that a skilled work force is maintained through closure. Once cleanup has been completed, the site will become the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments continues to focus on cleanup and closure issues to ensure the cleanup meets community expectations.

#### Eastern Idaho Community Reuse Organization (EICRO)

On February 21, 2003, DOE awarded \$200,000 to EICRO.

The grant will fund EICRO's proposed Asset Disposition and Reinvestment Program. Specifically, the funds will be used to develop a business plan that will address management, financial, and marketing analysis of the program. The program will also benefit site cleanup through the removal of surplus assets that will allow remediation activities to take place where the assets were previously held.

EICRO's mission is to diversify the regional economy by creating the widest possible range of employment opportunities for the region's residents, while preserving and enhancing their quality of life.

This project addresses two objectives. The first is to help recruit, expand, or create new businesses, which in turn would lead to job creation and employment diversity in EICRO's service area. EICRO estimates this project may create over 350 jobs over the next five to seven years. The second objective is the reduction of the Idaho-DOE Site cleanup resulting in cost savings to the federal government and the taxpayer. A similar program established at the



department's Hanford Site in Washington, has resulted in over \$1.25 million in savings to the government in the past 12 months, and similar numbers may be expected of this project over the course of the program.

EICRO is the recognized community reuse organization (CRO) for the department's Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). The program was established as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding between the DOE Idaho Operations Office and EICRO, and would allow EICRO to provide surplus DOE property to various economic development efforts in eastern Idaho.

## **ASSET MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

### **Beryllium Acquisition**

The Office of Worker and Community Transition has received the green light from the Department of Energy's (DOE) Under Secretary for Energy, Science and Environment to proceed with the coordination and clearance of an Action Memorandum requesting that DOE's Deputy Secretary establish a Department of Energy Beryllium Coordinating Committee (the Committee). There are 3 major programs which require the use of beryllium metal, the National Nuclear Security Administration, the Office of Science and Nuclear Energy, and the Office of Science and Technology. The objective of the Committee will be to:

1. Establish a DOE position on the acquisition of 127 short tons of beryllium metal billets from the National Defense Stockpile Center (the Stockpile) before the year 2007 for DOE-wise use by means of a waiver to the scoring of beryllium metal in the Stockpile by Congress;
2. Develop a jointly funded research and development program with the Department of Defense (DoD) on the life cycle management of beryllium metal in support of our respective nuclear and non-nuclear programs; and
3. Reach agreement with DoD on the implementation of a domestic beryllium metal replacement regime to be in place by the year 2011.

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